

Youth Committee

February 4, 2014

1:30 p.m.

AMC Boardroom
125 Charles Avenue

Attendees: Tina Simonson, Mark Jacobs, Alyssa Klein, Annie Welch, Chad Bove, Heather Gleason, Kay Tracy, Anne Kilzer, Michelle Ufford, Kathy Zavala, Juanita Lauritsen, Dee

Minutes

Agenda item: Clarify committee purpose and expectations

Discussion:

The overall goal for this strategic planning process is to determine who we want to serve, how we want to best serve these customers, and how to best make this happen. The process began with leadership from Cynthia Bauerly and MWCA. Through the initial, facilitated strategic planning process, the charge of the process is, “to bring common focus on increasing the capacity of our service delivery through shared understanding and awareness of varying regional needs.”

The overall project is expected to take 6-8 months with several phases that include developing subgroups, working with partners, and developing an implementation plan. This committee will provide a report on the topics, findings, and options to the full strategic planning committee by February 27th. The committee suggested advocating that the groups are able to continue meeting after the 27th. Mark will contact Cynthia to see if this is possible.

The committee discussed what areas it should focus on. Some suggested areas to cover include best practices within Minnesota, best practices from other systems, what is not working as well as it could, possible policy changes, opportunities to leverage other resources or partner systems, distinctions between greater Minnesota and metro in service delivery, broadly define roles of state and other partners, and other options for service delivery. The chairs suggested breaking the committee into smaller subgroups to dive into more specific areas. Discussion ensued around this plan

The committee agreed to not break in to subgroups, but meet as a whole committee with future meetings focusing on a specific topic. The suggested meeting plan is as follows (timing will be flexible based on speaker availability – these are only suggested meeting dates, but will be decided on a weekly basis):

Feb. 14th - Focus on data review and disparities – Identify what is being done, who is being served, what the population of these groups are and where the gaps are. Discussion ensued around data that would be most useful and how to use this data to develop recommendations. Members agreed to submit the relevant data they have.

- Annie and Mark will work together to prep the information and questions for this meeting.

Feb. 18th: Discussion World’s Best Workforce legislation and our existing system can work with this legislation – Alyssa will contact Paula Palmer to come to the meeting to discuss the program.

Feb. 25th – Discussion on the spectrum of available services for the age range of youth.

Subgroup to report to main group: Menu of best practices for youth services across the state/country/internationally

